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people employed by or working on behalf of Mr. P. T. Thomas of Kottayam known as the Erumeli Timber Case ?	
(ii) Will Government be pleased to state the exact nature of the offence suspected to have been committed ?	
(iii) Were special officers appointed to investigate the case ? If so, will Government be pleased to state the names and designations of such officers ?	
(iv) Will Government be pleased to state the time taken by those officers for investigation ?	
(v) Was any report submitted by them ? If so, what were their conclusions ?	
(vi) Will Government be pleased to state the approximate value of the timber which was concerned in the case ?	
(vii) Will Government be pleased to state if final orders have been passed by Government in the matter ?	
(viii) If so, the date of such order and the substance thereof ?	
(ix) Will Government be pleased to direct the papers relating to this case being laid on the Council table for perusal by the Council.	
14. III. *The recent appointment of Deputy Conservator of Forests.*	*Chief Secretary Mr. N. Rajaram Rao.*
(i) Will Government be pleased to state who was appointed in place of Mr. Swaminathan, the deceased Deputy Conservator ?	Mr. T. V. Subbier has been appointed to act as Deputy Conservator. The Conservator's proposals for filling the place permanently are awaited.
(ii) What are the general educational and special qualifications of the gentleman now appointed ?	Mr. Subbier has passed the Matriculation Examination and undergone the Ranger's course at the Forest College, Dehra Dun, in 1906. He has also passed the Government Technical Examination in Book-keeping and the Departmental Examinations in Forest Law, Forest Procedure and Accounts.
(iii) What length of service had he, on the date of such appointment, in the grade of Assistant Conservator ?	6 years and 3 months.
(iv) Will Government be pleased to state the names of officers, on the date of such appointment, in the grade of Assistant Conservators, the length of service of each of them in that grade, as well as their respective qualifications ?	1. *Mr. M. P. Jacob.* Service on 1-4-95: 9 years and 3 months. Qualifications.—Dehra Dun Ranger's Course (1907), Forest Law (1916), Forest Procedure and Accounts (1916). 2. *Mr. K. S. Narayana Aiyangar.* Service on 1-4-95: 5 years and 10 months. Qualifications.—F. A., Dehra Dun Ranger's Course (1902), Hand-Writing Test

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	Travancore Forest Law, Travancore Forest Procedure and Accounts (1911), British Procedure and Accounts (1902), British Forest Revenue (1903) and British Forest Law (1906).
	3. Mr. P. Thanu Pillai.
	Service on 1-4-95: 5 years, 1 month and 23 days.
	Qualifications.—M. A., B. Sc., (Edin.) with Honors in Forestry, Forest Entomology, Forest and Agricultural Chemistry, Forest Mycology, Forest Engineering and Drawing, Botany (with special distinction in microscopical work), Zoology, Chemistry, Genetics and a Special Certificate of Merit in Practical Forestry (Baden, Germany 1914), Forest Law 1916, Procedure and Accounts 1917.
	4. Mr.P. Raman Pillai.
	Service on 1-4-95: 4 years, 5 months and 17 days.
	Qualifications—B. A. & B. Sc., Bar-at-Law, Honors in Forestry, Forest Entomology, Forest and Agricultural Chemistry, Forest Engineering and Geometrical Drawing, Botany, Structural and Field Geology, Zoology together with 1st class Honors and high distinction in advanced Practical Forestry and Practical Chemistry, Special Certificate of Forestry from the Edinburgh and East of Scotland College of Agriculture and a Certificate of Distinction in Practical Zoology from the School of Medicine of the Royal Colleges of Edinburgh, Certificate of Merit in Practical Forestry (Pfrozhsim Baden, Germany 1914).
	5. Mr. M. O. Ommen.
	Service on 1-4-95: One year.
	Qualification—Dehra Dun Ranger's Course
(v) Is it not a fact that Mr. M. P. Jacob has longer service in the grade of an Assistant Conservator than the gentleman now appointed ?	Yes.
(vi) Is it not a fact that previous Conservators of Forests have expressed their appreciation of the services of Mr. Jacob as a Forest Officer ?	No.
(vii) Was not Mr. R. Dhanukoti Pillai appointed Deputy Conservator in preference to other Assistant Conservators of longer standing on account of his superior qualifications in European Universities?	Yes; his qualifications are superior to those of Assistant Conservators Messrs. M. Velu Pillai and M. P. Jacob and his work and conduct were reported to be most satisfactory and commendable.
(viii) If so, why was not the same principle observed in the matter of the present appointment ?	(viii) to (xii). The vacancy has not been permanently filled and the Member may rest assured that the Government in

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(ix) Was not this principle deviated from, in the matter of appointing Mr. M. Velu Pillai as Deputy Conservator in preference to other Assistant Conservators, even though they had the same European Degree as Mr. Dhanukoti Pillai ?

(x) Will Government be pleased to state why the principle underlying the appointment of Mr. Velu Pillai was not followed in appointing a successor to the late Mr. Swaminathan ?

(xi) Will Government be pleased to state why the claims of Mr. M. P. Jacob were overlooked in the matter of the present appointment ?

(xii) Will Government be pleased to lay down a definite policy to be followed in the matter of such appointments ?

Mr. Kayalam Parameswaran Pillai.

15. I. With reference to the registries, or orders for registries, of Government lands of 100 acres or more in extent made since the 1st Chingom 1090 up to date, will the Government be pleased to give or place on the table a statement showing the following particulars in regard to each registry or order for registry :—

(1) the name and address of the person in whose name registered or ordered to be registered ;

(2) the extent (in acres) in each registry or order for registry ;

(3) the Survey numbers comprised in each registry or order for registry ;

(4) the date of the order for registry ;

(5) the date of the registry ;

(6) the rate of *tharavila* fixed ;

(7) the amount of *thadivila* charged ;

(8) whether the land has been sold or otherwise permanently alienated since the order for registry and till this day ;

(9) if so alienated, for what price or consideration ;

(10) if so alienated, the name and address of the alienee ;

(11) whether any cultivation is done on the land now and, if so, what ?

16. II. (*a*) Will the Government kindly state how many pupils were learning in the School Final Class (Form VI) of the Government English Schools in the last school year, how many of these were presented for the Public Examination (the English School Leaving Certificate Examination) and how

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filling it permanently will consider the claims and qualificfations of all carefully.

Chief Secretary Mr. N. Rajaram Rao

A statement has been compiled, but it is not quite complete. Nevertheless, it is laid on the table.

Secretary Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar.

Number of pupils in Form VI in Government Schools in 1919-20 ... 940

Do. presented for the Public Examination ... 667

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